

## FRESNO MUNICIPAL CODE PROVISIONS FOR SECURITY WIRE

### §12-105. SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS

- B-2.1. BARBED TAPE shall mean any barbed physical barrier or obstacle that is manufactured from steel strip or tape, whether coiled or straight.
- B-2.2 BARBED WIRE shall mean wire for fences or barriers having sharp barbs or points of metal twisted into smooth wire at regular intervals.
- C-19.6. CONCERTINA WIRE shall mean any barbed physical barrier or obstacle that is manufactured from steel strip or tape and converted from a helical pattern by attaching alternate adjacent loops at multiple points around the circumference, so that when the coil is extended, instead of a simple helix, a series of diamond shape openings are present.

### §12-306. PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

The following property development standards and special standards of practice and regulations shall apply to all land, buildings, uses and structures in all districts, with the exception that notwithstanding any other part of this Code, any building or structure, including signs, that are identified and designated as a Historic Resource pursuant to the Historic Preservation Ordinance, may, at the discretion of the Director, Planning and Development Department upon advice from the City Historic Preservation Specialist, be exempted from any and all property development standards of the zoning ordinance with the exception of those rules and regulations imposed in the vicinity of Airports.

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#### N. SPECIAL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE AND REGULATIONS

The following standards of practice and regulations shall apply to the special uses and conditions listed, as follows:

- 10. Security Wire Permits. Barbed tape or wire, concertina wire or similar security toppings are specifically prohibited in the city, except for barbed tape or wire constructed pursuant to a barbed wire permit issued pursuant to this subsection. Any approved security topping must be clearly visible. Planting shall be regulated to maintain the required open areas in said fence structure.
  - a. Barbed wire permits will be issued by the Director upon application but only after satisfaction of the conditions

specified in this subsection. The decision of the Director on the application shall be subject to appeal to the Commission as provided in Section 12-401-H.

- b. In commercial and industrial zoned districts, barbed wire or tape will be permitted with a barbed wire permit on top of any fence, wall or structure on property lines that do not abut residential zoned property, in horizontal strands of twelve and one-half to fourteen gauge, two or four point standard wire or in a single helix pattern. In such instances, the lowest strand of barbed wire must be a minimum of six feet three inches above the finished grade of either side of the fence.
  - (1) If barbed wire or tape is sought in a commercial or industrial zoned district abutting a residential zoned district, the written permission of all property owners of record abutting the area of the barbed wire or tape placement must be obtained prior to issuance of a barbed wire permit.
- c. In the O, AE-20, AE-5, R-1-AH and R-1-EH zone districts, barbed wire for agricultural purposes will be permitted with a barbed wire permit. In the R-A, R-1-A, R-1-E, R-1-C, R-1-B, and R-1 zone districts, barbed wire for agricultural purposes over five acres in size may be permitted with a barbed wire permit, provided all abutting property owners agree in writing. In such districts, the highest strand of barbed wire shall not be more than five feet above the highest adjacent ground level and fencing incorporating barbed wire for agricultural purposes shall conform to provisions of subsection 12-306-N-11.
- d. Prior to issuance of any barbed wire permit, the applicant must sign a written hold harmless agreement, in a form satisfactory to the City Attorney, releasing and indemnifying the city in the event of liability, loss, costs and damages, including but not limited to personal injury, death or property damage, arising directly or indirectly out of the use of a special security topping.
- e. Security toppings permitted under this subsection shall not extend over into any abutting property or public right-of-way, shall extend either toward the owner's side of such fence, wall or structure or directly vertical, and shall present an open and obvious condition of danger.

- f. It is the intent of this subsection, by allowing certain security toppings, that their installation or height will not be considered in the overall height of a fence, wall or structure nor interfere with the normal operation of gate, door or window openings. In no event shall the maximum height of a permitted security topping be in excess of two feet when placed on top of a fence, wall or structure.
- g. Security toppings required by state or federal law are exempt from this section.